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Convicted Sex Offender Charged in Palmdale Kidnap-Rape Attempt

A convicted sex offender accused of attempting to kidnap a teenage girl in Palmdale appeared today in an Antelope Valley courtroom to face criminal charges, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Alisanne Scolnik said Richard Henry Stine, 39 (dob 3/9/74), is charged in MA060416 with one count each of kidnapping to commit rape, kidnapping to commit robbery and assault with intent to commit rape on a victim under the age of 18.

The criminal complaint alleges that Stine has two prior felony convictions for forcible rape and kidnapping in 1999.

Stine appeared for arraignment this afternoon before Judge Steven Ogden but the hearing was postponed until Aug. 20 in Department A1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Stine allegedly approached the 17-year-old victim as she walked along a street on the morning of Aug. 2. A Good Samaritan witnessed the incident and called 911.

Deputies responded, foiling the attempted kidnapping and rape, prosecutors said. The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Stine's bail was set at \$2 million. If convicted as charged, Stine faces a maximum prison sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole.

The case will be prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Theodore Swanson.

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